

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of recording data comprising the acts of:
receiving protected content at a data processing device;
determining that a portable memory recording device is trustworthy based on a proprietary hardware interface between said data processing device and said portable memory recording device; and
using said portable memory recording device to record said protected content onto a portable memory.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said act of determining that said portable memory recording device is trustworthy includes:
determining that said portable memory recording device will not record said protected content onto portable memories falling outside of a class.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the determination that said portable memory recording device will not record said protected content onto portable memories falling outside of a class is made with less than absolute certainty.
4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein a characteristic of said class is that portable memories falling inside said class are not readable by portable memory reading devices lacking a defined feature.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said defined feature comprises a physical feature.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said physical feature is a proprietary physical feature.

7. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said defined feature comprises a proprietary data handling algorithm.

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the act of:
determining that recording of said protected content onto said portable memory is permitted by the terms of a license governing said protected content.

10. (Original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions to perform the method of claim 1.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of recording protected data comprising the acts of:

receiving protected content at a data processing device;
determining that a portable memory recording device will not record said protected content onto portable memories falling outside of a class, wherein a characteristic of said class is that portable memories falling inside said class are not readable by portable memory reading devices lacking a proprietary hardware interface; and
using said portable memory recording device to record said protected content onto a portable memory.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the determination that said portable memory recording device will not record said protected content onto portable memories falling outside of a class is made with less than absolute certainty.

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Cancelled).

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13 11, wherein said defined feature comprises a characteristic of said class is that portable memories falling inside said class are not readable by portable memory reading devices lacking a proprietary data handling algorithm.

17. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said act of determining that said portable memory recording device will not record said protected content onto portable memories falling outside of a class comprises engaging in an authentication protocol between said data processing device and said portable memory recording device.

18 (Original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions to perform the method of claim 11.

19-39. (Cancelled).